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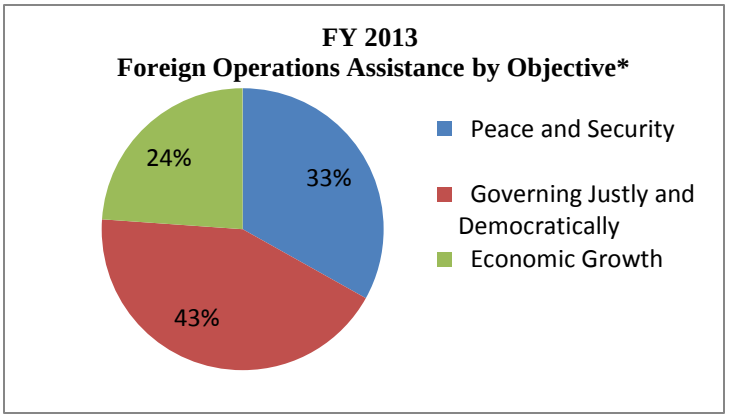
MACEDONIA

Macedonia's progress toward Euro-Atlantic structures—and the democratic, economic and security commitments that this integration entails—are essential to the broader stability of the western Balkans. With its assistance, the United States aims to strengthen Macedonia's law enforcement organizations and military forces, address corruption, improve the checks and balances in democratic processes, improve the performance and independence of the judiciary, build the capacity of civil-society organizations and independent media to contribute to public policy-making and debate, and improve the environment in which these organizations operate.

Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Macedonia:

Governing Justly Through Strengthening Democratic Institutions and Promotion of Rule of Law

- U.S. assistance supports civil society and media with a focus on civic activism, government oversight, advocacy, and journalism and the environment for media development. Included in this support, are small grants and a U.S. speakers program, which in addition to civic activism, advocacy and media also promote economic growth, regional security, and social cohesion in a multi-ethnic state.
- In the area of education and ethnic integration, the United States is working to develop best practices in addressing ethnic tension through education, training teachers and administrators in the education sector at the local and municipal levels. The United States also funds educational advising for youth, through English
- teaching and American-studies programs.
- U.S. democracy experts continue to offer technical assistance, training, and operational support to the Macedonian Parliament to improve its oversight of the executive branch through public hearings and legislative review, strengthening constructive debate among its members, and increasing citizen participation in the parliamentary process.



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 ESTIMATE	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand $)	**16,970**	**12,183**	**12,818**
Economic Support Fund	10,187	5,207	5,628
Foreign Military Financing	3,418	3,600	4,000
International Military Education and Training	1,002	1,100	1,100
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	1,893	1,786	1,600
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	470	490	490

Increased Capacity to Promote Regional/World Security and Prevent Terrorism

- The United States is providing training and equipment to enhance the interoperability and deployment capabilities of Macedonia's Armed Forces, including its capacity to conduct reconnaissance operations. In addition, the U.S. government is providing professional military education for officers.
- The United States provides surveillance, inspection and detection equipment to enhance Macedonia's border-control and interdiction capabilities, as well as training and equipment to support collaboration between

Macedonia's and Kosovo's border police. Additionally, the U.S. government is assisting customs officials to refine the country's strategic trade control laws and licensing procedures.

- U.S. rule of law experts are training, mentoring, and equipping police agencies to combat organized crime and corruption through advanced training in forensics and intelligence-led policing, as well as supporting the professionalization and human resources management at the Ministry of Interior.

BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 653a	FY 2015 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand $)	**16,970**	**12,183**	**12,818**
Peace and Security	5,623	6,133	6,453
Governing Justly and Democratically	7,294	6,050	6,365
Economic Growth	4,053	0	0

- U.S. experts assist judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys to implement the new CPC; develop practical, adversarial skills related to investigation, pretrial and trial proceedings; and conduct fair, consistent and transparent case adjudication.

Increased private sector growth and job creation in Macedonia

- Through regional assistance mechanisms, the United States continues to support broad-based economic growth in Macedonia. Activities are focused on three major thematic areas: promoting financial integration with Europe through the harmonization of fiscal policies; enhanced private sector competiveness and the promotion of exports and workforce skills; and improvements in the business environment, including reducing regional barriers to trade and investment.

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